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E.O. 11652: NA
SUBJECT: DUTCH JOURNALIST TO TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE ASSASS-
INATION COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: DUTCH RADIO CARRIED STORY TODAY THAT WILLEM
OLTMANS, FREELANCE WRITER JOURNALIST, WOULD TESTIFY BEFORE
HOUSE ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE. OLTMANS HAS CLAIMED TO
USIS OFFICER TO HAVE QUOTE MAJOR NEWS FROM DALLAS
UNQUOTE. OLTMANS BROUGHT GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT TO
NETHERLANDS MARCH 3 FOR MEETINGS WITH NOS-TV AND DUTCH
PUBLISHER. DE MOHRENSCHILDT REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO US
AFTER DISAPPEARING. OLTMANS SAYS THAT HE WILL MEET WITH
PRESS FOLLOWING HIS TESTIMONY TO COMMITTEE STAFF. END
SUMMARY.

2. WILLEM OLTMANS, CONTROVERSIAL DUTCH WRITER HAS BEEN
ASKED--OR HAS ASKED--TO TESTIFY TO HOUSE ASSASSINATION
COMMITTEE ON MARCH 15. OLTMANS, IN CONVERSATION WITH USIS
OFFICER, CLAIMS TO HAVE MAJOR NEWS FROM DALLAS. HE
SAYS THAT HE IS TAKING DUTCH TELEVISION FILMS AND VIDEO-
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TAPES THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN SHOWN TO COMMITTEE.

3. OLTMANS BROUGHT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION FIGURE GEORGE
DE MOHRENSCHILDT TO THE NETHERLANDS ON MARCH 3 FOR
MEETINGS WITH NOS TV CHIEF OF PROGRAMMING AND LEADING
DUTCH PUBLISHER. OLTMANS SAYS THAT DE MOHRENSCHILDT
HAD TOLD HIM ON FEBRUARY 23 QUOTE I WAS INVOLVED UNQUOTE.

ON FEBRUARY 4 WHILE ON TRIP TOGETHER IN BRUSSELS, DE MOHRENSCHILDT DISAPPEARED, LEAVING SUITCASES AND CLOTHING BEHIND. ACCORDING TO OLTMANS, DE MOHRENSCHILDT WAS FRIGHTENED THAT HE WOULD BE KILLED. ON MARCH 7, OLTMANS WAS INFORMED THAT DE MOHRENSCHILDT HAS RETURNED TO DALLAS. ASKED IF HE THOUGHT DE MOHRENSCHILDT ACTUALLY HAD RETURNED TO US OLTMANS SAID QUOTE I DON'T THINK HE IS OKAY UNQUOTE.

4. NOS TV OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE WATCHING OLTMANS' STORY CLOSELY, BUT WITH SOME SKEPTICISM. THEY DO NOT PLAN TO CARRY STORY BEFORE THEY CHECK IT OUT. OLTMANS IS CONTROVERSIAL WRITER WITH REPUTATION FOR GETTING CARRIED AWAY. BUT NOS TV CHIEF OF PROGRAMMING SAYS THAT OLTMANS HAS HAD DALLAS CONTACTS SINCE 1964 AND HAS FOLLOWED ASSASSINATION STORY CLOSELY. OLTMANS MARRIED TO AMERICAN, HAS IMMIGRANT STATUS IN US. STIER

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